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Michael BINNARD ) Group Art Unit: 2837  
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated July 31, 2002, the period for response to which having been extended to December 31, 2002 by petition and payment of the requisite fee filed herewith, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Pages 12-13, please amend paragraph [041] to read as follows:

(Amended) As schematically illustrated in Fig. 6, actuator component 70 (the portion where the force of actuator component 70 acts on guide bar 55), the center of gravity 82 of guide bar 55, the center of gravity 80 of stage 28, and Y magnet 62 are positioned in a plane P parallel to the X and Y directions (i.e., a plane parallel to the X-Y plane). In other words, actuator component 70, the center of gravity 82 of guide bar 55,

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